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SUBJECT: MAKIEDA ON JAPANESE MILITARY BUILD-UP, KIM DAE JUNG AND SPRING WAGE OFFENSIVE
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1. SUMMARY: IN DECEMBER 4 ADDRESS BEFORE THE FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS' CLUB, MOTOFUMI MAKIEDA, CHAIRMAN OF GENERAL COUNCIL OF TRADE UNIONS OF JAPAN (SOHYO) AND PRESIDENT OF JAPAN TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION (NIKKYOSO), 1) VOICED FEARS RE REMILITARIZATION OF JAPAN, 2) EXPRESSED DETERMINATION OF SOHYO TO DO ALL IT COULD TO SAVE KIM DAE JUNG AND 3) ANNOUNCED SPRING WAGE OFFENSIVE GOALS OF AN AVERAGE 12 PCT OR 18,000-20,000 YEN INCREASE (APPROXIMATELY $80-95) PER MONTH. END SUMMARY.

2. IN DECEMBER 4 ADDRESS TO FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS' CLUB OF JAPAN, SOHYO CHAIRMAN MOTOFUMI MAKIEDA FOCUSED ON THREE ISSUES; 1) POLITICS - MAINLY THE DEFENSE ISSUE, 2) SOHYO

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EFFORTS TO SAVE KIM DAE JUNG, AND 3) THE SPRING WAGE OFFENSIVE (SHUNTO) IN WHICH "MINIMUM" GOALS OF 9-11 PCT OR 18,000-20,000 YEN INCREASE PER MONTH, DEPENDING ON THE INDUSTRY, WERE SET FORTH.

3. POLITICS: ALTHOUGH MAKIEDA ENTITLED THE FIRST PORTION OF HIS TALK "POLITICS" HE DWELT MAINLY ON THE QUESTION OF THE POSSIBLE RE-ARMING OF JAPAN, SEEING IN GOJ PLANS FOR INCREASED DEFENSE SPENDING A MOVE TOWARD REMILITARIZATION WHICH IS THREATENING JAPANESE DEMOCRACY. STATING U.S. IS PRESSURING JAPAN TO INCREASE MILITARY SPENDING, MAKIEDA CHARGED THAT EVEN WITHOUT THIS PRESSURE, MANY INDUSTRIALISTS AND LDP POLITICIANS WANT TO MAKE JAPAN A MILITARY POWER EQUAL TO ITS ECONOMIC POWER. THE REQUESTED GOJ BUDGET INCREASE OF 9.7 PCT FOR MILITARY SPENDING AS COMPARED TO THE 7.5 PCT OVERALL CEILING, VARIOUS STATEMENTS BY GOVERN-

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MENT OFFICIALS ABOUT REVISING ARTICLE 9 OF THE CONSTITUTION. AND RECENT STATEMENT OF JAPAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESIDENT AS TO DESIRABILITY OF PRODUCING AND EXPORTING ARMS WERE CITED AS PROOF OF THE DESIRE OF THE "INDUSTRIAL-MILITARY COMPLEX" TO REFLATE THE ECONOMY THROUGH ARMS DEVELOPMENT AND SALES AND TO INCREASE THE OVERALL STRENGTH OF THE MILITARY. THE NORTHERN TERRITORIES, AFGHANISTAN, IRAN AND IRAQ WERE CITED AS ISSUES BEING USED TO JUSTIFY THIS REARMAMENT. EVENTUAL CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION, MILITARY CONSCRIPTION AND THE USE OF JAPANESE TROOPS OVERSEAS WERE PROJECTED BY MAKIEDA AS PROBABLE RESULTS OF SUCH POLICIES. THE DIVERSION OF SCARCE RESOURCES FROM NECESSARY CIVIL PROGRAMS WOULD BE ANOTHER OUTCOME, ONE WHICH SOHYO WOULD DEPLORE. MAKIEDA EXPRESSED THE ADDED FEAR THAT IF JAPAN REARMED, IRRESPECTIVE OF ITS WILL IT WILL BE DRAWN INTO ANY US-USSR CONFLICT, WHICH WOULD LIKELY INVOLVE NUCLEAR WEAPONS. FURTHERMORE, IF WAR OCCURRED, DEMOCRACY, HUMAN

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RIGHTS AND TRADE UNIONS WOULD BE OPPRESSED BY GOJ. MAKIEDA SUMMED UP HIS ATTITUDE AS A WW II ARMY LIEUTENANT WHO FIRMLY BELIEVES THE BEST COURSE FOR JAPAN IS UNARMED NEUTRALITY.

4. KIM DAE JUNG:- MAKIEDA SAID SOHYO WOULD DO ALL IN ITS POWER TO SAVE KIM; HE STATED SOHYO ANTICIPATED SUPREME COURT DECISION WOULD BE HANDED DOWN 12/5 AND KIM EXECUTED ON 12/16. THIS WOULD BE AN ACT WHICH WOULD SERVE TO ELIMINATE DEMOCRACY IN KOREA. MAKIEDA REFERRED TO 1973 ABDUCTION FROM TOKYO OF KIM AS BREACH OF JAPANESE SOVEREIGNTY. INSTEAD OF RESTORING JAPANESE SOVEREIGNTY TO STATUS PRIOR TO THE BREACH, MAKIEDA CHARGED GOJ WITH ACCEPTING "POLITICAL SOLUTION" WHICH RATIFIED THE BREACH. WITH KIM BEING CONVICTED FOR CRIMES ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN COMMITTED WHILE IN JAPAN, MAKIEDA CHARGED THAT EVEN THE POLITICAL SOLUTION HAD BEEN BREACHED AND URGED GOJ TO REASSERT ITS SOVEREIGN RIGHTS WHILE AT THE SAME TIME PROTECTING DEMOCRACY IN A NEAR NEIGHBOR. MAKIEDA SAID IF KIM CONVICTION IS UPHELD BY KOREAN SUPREME COURT, SOHYO WILL ASK ALL JAPANESE, NOT ONLY WORKERS, TO STAGE TEN MINUTE GENERAL STRIKE IN PROTEST AS A POLITICAL MESSAGE. HE ASSERTED HARBOR WORKERS AND RAILROAD UNIONS WOULD REFUSE TO HANDLE KOREAN GOODS (REFTEL). IN Q AND A PERIOD MAKIEDA ACKNOWLEDGED LIKELIHOOD THAT MANY JAPANESE MIGHT NOT CONSIDER KIM EXECUTION IN SAME LIGHT AND WOULD NOT STRIKE. HE ADDED THAT SOHYO IS NOT CONSIDERING CONSUMER BOYCOTT OF KOREAN GOODS SINCE THIS WOULD INJURE INNOCENT PARTIES WITH UNFORESEEABLE RESULTS, INCLUDING SETTING A PRECEDENT WHICH U.S. UNIONS COULD USE IN CALLING FOR A BOYCOTT OF JAPANESE AUTOS OR OTHER PRODUCTS IN CASES OF TRADE FRICTION.

5. SPRING WAGE OFFENSIVE: MAKIEDA SAID UNIONS WOULD

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LEMANI AN AVERAGE 10 PCT INCREASE IN 1981 SPRING OFFENSIVE.
SAID THAT AT DEC. 3 MEETING OF INTERNATIONAL METALWORKERS'
FEDERATION-JAPAN CHAPTER (IMF-JC) IT WAS AGREED THAT WELL-
PAID STEELWORKERS (TEKKOROREN) WOULD GO FOR 9 PCT, OR ABOUT
18,000 YEN MORE PER MONTH, WITH LESS WELL-OFF EMPLOYEES OF
PRIVATE RAILWAYS (SHITETSUROREN) SEEKING 11 PCT OR 20,000
YEN INCREASE PER MONTH. MOST UNION DEMANDS WOULD FALL
WITHIN 18,000 - 20,000 YEN RANGE. MAKIEDA ALLEGED THAT IF
GOJ COULD HOLD INFLATION TO 5 PCT AND ECONOMY CONTINUES TO
GROW AT RATE OF 5-6 PCT GNP INCREASE, A 10 PCT WAGE INCREASE
COULD BE ABSORBED WITHOUT FUELING FURTHER INFLATION. IN
ADDITION, THE INCREASE IN PURCHASING POWER REPRESENTED BY
A 10 PCT WAGE BOOST WOULD BE A MOTOR FOR GNP GROWTH.
MAKIEDA SAID WORKERS BITTER AT LOSS OF REAL INCOME IN 1980
AS RATE OF INFLATION EXCEEDED NOMINAL WAGE INCREASE.
FURTHER CHARGED THAT EMPLOYERS WHO HAD REQUESTED MODERATION
IN 1980 SHUNTO, SAYING "WAGE INCREASES OR JOBS," HAD HELD
DOWN WAGES AND CUT BACK ON EMPLOYMENT. TO COMBAT SUCH
TACTICS, MAKIEDA SAID TASK OF UNIONS IN THE 1980'S IS TO
MOVE FROM ENTERPRISE UNIONISM TO INDUSTRIAL UNIONISM AND
THEREBY BE BETTER POSITIONED TO PROTECT INTERESTS OF WORKERS.
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3.(C)COMMENT: MAKIEDA SPEECH HAS NOT GOTTEN MUCH PRESS PLAY
HERE AND THAT WHICH IT HAS RECEIVED HAS FOCUSED LARGELY ON
THE SPRING WAGE OFFENSIVE. HOWEVER, THE SPEECH COULD BE
PICKED UP IN THE FOREIGN PRESS AND PLAYED BACK. AS MAKIEDA
HIMSELF ACKNOWLEDGED, SOHYO'S BARK ON THE KOREAN ISSUE IS
WORSE THAN ITS BITE, WITH A MAJOR SOHYO OBJECTIVE BEING TO
RAISE PUBLIC SYMPATHY FOR KIM. WITHOUT A STRONG PUBLIC
REACTION AGAINST KOREA TO SUPPORT IT, SOHYO STRIKES ARE
LIKELY TO BE MOSTLY SYMBOLIC.
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